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SUMMARY

Bees were generally inactive during this period, although short flights were made on bright days in most sections of the country. A severe blizzard swept across the plains States and buried many colonies of bees under a blanket of wet snow, but mild weather followed in the wake of the storm and minimized losses. Had cold weather followed losses would have been heavy. A few colonies may have suffocated. Some yards were caught unpacked, and snow shoveling will be required to finish the job. While the period was for the most part milder than usual in other areas, consumption of stores was excessive in some. Bees are going into the winter in rather poor condition in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Kentucky and Texas. In some areas in all of these States stores are inadequate and fall or spring feeding will be required. In most other States stores are generally ample, although as usual weak colonies will require proper handling if they are to survive the winter.

Dry weather continued to be detrimental to unirrigated honey plants in Texas, Arizona, and California. Good rains or snow storms were of benefit to plants in the Intermountain and Plain States, but it is feared that many new seedlings of clovers failed to germinate well because of dry weather during the late summer and fall. Plant conditions were generally favorable in eastern States and in irrigated valleys of western States.

The market for extracted honey continued unsettled with a wide range in prices to growers and at the wholesale and retail levels. However, growers in general received slightly higher prices and many bottlers advanced their wholesale prices. Good white honey offerings are light in some sections and many distress lots in other areas have moved to market. The movement of honey was slow in California and was variable in other States ranging from good to slow. Prices for bulk honey ranged 8-11¢ per lb. in California, 9-11¢ in the Intermountain States, 7-12¢ in the Plains States, 10-14¢ in East Central and North Central States, and 6-14¢ in the Southeastern States, according to floral source and color. Section comb, wrapped cut comb, and bulk comb honey were receiving a fairly good demand, but supplies were relatively light.

The demand for beeswax was moderate to good over the country and prices were firm, ranging mostly 40-45¢, with some trading at 48-50¢. Detailed prices appear on pages 2 and 3.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Period Nov. 8-22 - supplemented with telegraphic reports thru Nov. 30.)

Southern California - No rain of any consequence and no frosts occurred during this period, but strong desert winds blew a short time which had a badly drying effect. Dryland areas are in need of rain to start brush and filaree. Where previous light rains have started these plants, additional rain is needed. Plants in irrigated sections are in good condition. Bees in irrigated locations were gathering some pollen from mustard, eucalyptus and loquats and a trace of nectar from eucalyptus and lemons. Most strong colonies have sufficient stores to last through December and January, but some weaker colonies are being fed. On a few stands, strong colonies were being fed. The movement of honey was slow during the period.

Central and Northern California - Temperatures were mostly about normal during the last half of November, except toward the close of the month when the minimums dropped to well below normal and light to heavy frosts occurred in most areas. Seasonal precipitation to date is below normal at most points with the exception of the extreme north portion.

Local rains have started spring weeds in the Fresno district of the San Joaquin Valley and bees were working eucalyptus and ornamentals around towns. In Kern Valley in Kern County bees were confined to their hives because of cold weather. Most colonies have sufficient stores for the present. Plants are in poor condition because of the lack of moisture. In the lower Sacramento Valley annual vegetation started by earlier rains is dead or dying and little growth can be expected even though moisture should come because of cold weather. Bees were visiting a few garden flowers and mustard plants around irrigated fields. Some bees were being moved into the orchards around the foothill sections along the west side of the lower Sacramento Valley. In the Glenn County area, bees were inactive and no nectar was coming in. More rains are needed. The demand for honey was generally slow.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Period Nov. 8-22 - supplemented with telegraphic reports thru Nov. 30) -

West of Cascades - Temperatures were seasonable with liberal showers and some wind. Afternoon sunshine made

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| Section & State | | Producers Sales to Bottlers (Per pound in 60s) | Producers Sales to Wholesale Quantities | Producers Local Sales to Consumers | Beeswax Per lb. |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| CALIFORNIA | | | | | |
| Imp'l Val: | Alfalfa, la 8 1/3¢ fob, 8 1/2¢ del'd L.A. | | | | |
| | " ela 8 1/2-9¢ del'd L.A. | | | | |
| So. Calif | Orange ew-wv 11¢ del'd L.A. | | | | |
| Cent. Cal. | Cotton Alfalfa ela-w 8 1/2¢ del'd L.A. | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| No Calif. | Unknown 8¢ | | | | |
| PACIFIC NORTHWEST, INTERMOUNTAIN STATES & ARIZONA | | | | | |
| OREGON | | | | | |
| COLORADO | Sw Clover-Alfalfa ela 9¢ wv 11 1/4¢ | | | | |
| | " | | | | |
| WYOMING | | | | | |
| MONTANA | | | | | |
| IDAH0 | Clover-Alf w 9-10¢, some bee-keepers holding for 12¢ | | | | |
| ARIZONA | | | | | |
| SOUTHWESTERN STATES: | | | | | |
| TEXAS | | | | | |
| NEW MEX | | | | | |
| PLAINS STATES | | | | | |
| Red River Valley of Minn. & N.D. | | | | | |
| N. DAKOTA | | | | | |
| IOWA | Clover-Basswood la 10 1/2¢ Clover 7-11¢ Heartsease 8¢ | | | | |
| KANSAS | Sw. Clover w 10-10 1/2¢ | | | | |
| NEBRASKA | Sw. Clover w 10-12¢. Mixed Flowers a 9¢ del'd Kansas City, (Cons returned) | | | | |
| EAST CENTRAL & NORTH CENTRAL STATES: | | | | | |
| MICHIGAN | Clover 9¢ | | | | |
| WISCONSIN | Clover few 16¢ | | | | |
| MINNESOTA | Clover 10¢ | | | | |

EXTRACTED HONEY AND BEESWAX SALES - F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT (Unless otherwise Stated)

Section & : Producers Sales to Bottlers: Sales in Wholesale Quantities : Producers Local Sales to Consumers : BEESWAX : Per lb.

EAST CENTRAL & NORTH CENTRAL STATES (CONTINUED)

| | | |
|----------|---|--|
| OHIO | : Clover (Deliv red Whsle) 6/5# 6.00, 12/3# 7.65- | : 60s Clover 12.00; 5# pails Clover 1.50; 43-50¢ |
| | : 8.00, 12/2# 5.25-5.50, 24/1# 5.45-5.75, | : Clover-Aster 1.30, Fall Flowers 1.25; |
| | : 24/8 oz 3.25-3.35 | : 1# jars Clover 35¢; COMB Clover 50¢ sec.; |
| INDIANA | : Fall Flowers COMB cases 24s \$5.00-6.00(Ret) | : Clover 60s 9.60-10.80, 5# pails 1.00- |
| | : (Ret) Clover 5# pails 75¢-1.20, 24/1# 4.80-6.40 | : 1.43, 3# jars 90¢, 1# jars 25-35¢, |
| ILLINOIS | : " COMB cases 24s 9.50 | : COMB per sect 53¢ |
| | : Clover-Honeydew 5# pails 75¢ (Ret) | |

NORTHEASTERN, NORTH CENTRAL, SOUTH CENTRAL & SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES:

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|-----------|---|---|
| NEW YORK | : (Del'd) Clover w 60s 17¢ lb. (Whsle) 19¢ (Ret) | : Clover-Alfalfa 60s 9.00-12.60 |
| | : (FOB) " " 5#s 20¢ lb. (Whsle) 22¢ (Ret) | : " 5# Pails 1.00-1.25 |
| | : (Del'd) " " 1# 23-24¢ (Whsle) 26¢ (Ret) | : Buckwheat 5# Pails 1.00-1.10 |
| | : " " 60s 13¢ lb. (Whsle) 15¢ (Ret) | : " 1# jars 27¢ |
| | : " Buckwheat 5# 17¢ lb. (Whsle) 19¢ (Ret) | : Clover 1# jars 29¢ |
| | : " " 1# 21¢ lb. (Whsle) 24¢ (Ret) | : COMB unknown 39-49¢ per section |
| PENN. | : (Ret) Clover la 60s 15¢ lb., 5# pails 1.20-1.35, | : Clover 5# pails 1.50-1.80, 2# jars 75¢, |
| | : 2# jars 57¢, 12/1# jars 7.20, COMB 24s 9.00 | : 1# jars 40¢, COMB per sect 50¢ |
| VIRGINIA | : Clover-Mxd Flowers 5# pails 1.00(Ret) | : Sw. Clover-Mxd Flowers 5# pails 1.25 |
| | : " " 24/1# jars 6.00 (Ret) | : Sw. Clover CUT COMB cases 12/11 Oz 4.00 |
| | : Sw. Clover CUT COMB cases 12/11 oz 3.50(Whsle), | |
| | : " " " 3.60(Ret) | |
| KENTUCKY | : 5# pails Orange Tupelo 1.10(Whsle) 1.30(Ret) | : Unknown 5# pails 1.10, 1# jars 25¢ |
| GEORGIA | : " Var. Flowers* 70-95¢(Whsle) 1.10(Ret) | : 5# pails Tupelo Orange 1.50 |
| FLORIDA | : 24/1# jars Orange 6.00(Whsle) 6.96(Ret) | : " " Var. Flowers * 1.25 |
| | : " " Tupelo 5.75-6.00(Whsle) 6.50-6.96(Ret) | : 1# jars Tupelo Orange 35¢ |
| | : " " Var. Flowers* 5.0¢(Whsle) 6.00(Ret) | : " " Var. Flowers 30¢ |
| LOUISIANA | : Mxd Flowers, (Mainly Vervain & Willow) 60s 9¢ lb. (ret) | : Clover 60s 16.00 per case of two. |
| | | : " 5# pails 1.00 del'd nearby. |
| | | : " 10# pails 1.90 del'd nearby. |

Symbols: cla-extra light amber; la - light amber; a - amber; w - white; cw - extra white; (Ret) Sales to Retailers; (Whsle) Sales to Wholesalers; (Del'd) Delivered sales; Var. Flowers* in Florida - Mangrove, Partridge Pea, Galberry, etc. Unknown - floral source or flavor not indicated.

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short bee flights possible in some sections. Light snow and frost occurred in higher altitudes with no serious results. East of Cascades - Weather was seasonable with light frost and some snow in the valleys of short duration. Snowfall in the mountain areas was building up a reserve of moisture. The demand for honey improved slightly, but was still slow.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES: (Period Nov. 9-23)

Colorado - Bees in general are in normal condition but have consumed stores excessively during the mild fall and it is feared that some colonies may be light by February. Moisture for the period August-October was 67 percent of normal and as a result clovers are not in the best of condition in many areas. Germination of new plantings has been poor in drier locations. Good snows fell in parts of the State during this period and have added needed moisture to the soil, although in parts of the State little snow has fallen and ground is freezing up quite dry. In the Colorado River Basin about 20 percent of the bees are packed for winter. The balance are still on summer locations.

Montana - Bees are going into the winter in excellent condition with good strength and ample stores. The weather has been dry and somewhat windy. Honey plants are in fair condition but need more moisture. Rainfall during the period August-October totaled only 46 percent of normal. The movement of honey locally has been good and most large producer-members of cooperatives have shipped their surplus supplies to the cooperatives.

Idaho - Bees are nearly all packed for winter and those not packed will soon be packed. Colonies for the most part have good supplies of stores and are strong with bees and should winter well. Weather has turned colder and there was a light covering of snow on the ground in the valleys. There has been a fair local movement of honey and inquiries for large bulk lots from bottlers seems to be picking up. Wax was receiving a good demand.

Utah - Bees are packed for winter and it is estimated that about 90 percent of the colonies have ample stores and are in good strength. Rainfall during the 3 month period August-October totaled 75 percent of normal and more rain is needed. Some beekeepers still retain their entire surplus production, having moved only limited amounts locally.

Nevada - A mild fall came to an end during this period. Bees had ample opportunity to work rabbit brush and should come through the winter in good condition. Several large producers are holding their 1948 honey crops for better prices.

ARIZONA: (Period Nov. 9-23)

Conditions continue poor as far as moisture is concerned. Rainfall during the period August-October totaled 83 percent of normal for the State as a whole. Bees in irrigated sections are in good condition, and most colonies have an unusually good supply of stores for the winter.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Period Nov. 10-24)

East Texas - The condition of colonies is probably a little below normal due to a shortage of pollen in the late summer and early fall as a result of the extreme drought conditions. However, most yards have enough stores for winter. The advance orders and inquiries for package bees have been better than expected. Package bee shippers report that asking prices for packages and queens will probably be about the same as last season. Production costs are expected to be higher.

Lower Rio Grande Valley - Good fall rains have occurred and plants are in good condition for the coming season. The poison situation is still the concern of most beekeepers.

Southwest Texas - Rainfall was unusually light and the fall flow was generally poor. The bees were getting some pollen from broomweed and yellow-top but the bloom was about over. Bees have been fairly active in daily afternoon flights but with a dearth of nectar have been much inclined to robbing. Broodrearing has ended for the season. Colonies are in variable condition so far as stores are concerned. Some are lighter than usual, but in locations where beekeepers have not robbed them stores are plentiful.

Northwest Texas - In Palo Pinto County most colonies are going into the winter with ample stores. However, a few weak colonies will have to be fed. Rain is badly needed or vetch and other honey plants may die out and further plantings for the season cannot be made until rain comes.

Oklahoma - Bees are going into the winter in fair condition. The demand for honey continued slow in large bulk lots but the local retail trading improved slightly.

New Mexico - Bees were wintering well in the Mesilla Park area, but beekeepers were having to poison skunks to save their colonies. The demand for honey was slow. Moisture was still needed.

PLAINS AREA: (Period Nov. 11-25)

Red River Valley of Minnesota and North Dakota - The recent snowstorms caught some beekeepers with part of their bees unpacked for winter. However, packing operations were expected to be finished rapidly, although the job will involve considerable snow shoveling. Moisture conditions during the fall months were below average and as a result voluntary sweetclover may be scarce in 1949 as much seed did not germinate. The demand for honey was fair locally, but bulk honey in large lots was in slow demand although some beekeepers reported an improvement in the inquiry. Members were shipping to cooperatives. The demand for beeswax was good and the market trend appeared stronger.

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North Dakota - The demand for honey was ~~very slow~~ and some beekeepers reported they were not moving their offerings at a rapid enough rate to assure a cleanup. The demand for package bees for 1949 by beekeepers in this area was reported to call for only about half as many as last year.

Iowa - Recent rains and snow have brought relief after a very dry fall, and most clover fields are believed to be going into the winter in good condition. However, in parts of the State the relief came too late and fields may be sparse next year. Bees are going into the winter in variable condition. In parts of the State they are in fair to good condition, but in other areas they are in very poor condition. Some feeding of liquids has taken place during the fall, and in other yards spring feeding will be necessary. Most bees have been packed or placed in cellars and are ready for the winter. A reduction in the number of colonies for next season is anticipated. The movement of honey to cooperatives has been heavy. The volume of sales by bottlers in large lots has been active and prices have advanced slightly.

Kansas - Colonies have been prepared for winter and most outside bee work has been completed. Colonies generally are in good condition. A light rain and snow occurred during this period in the eastern part of the State but blizzard conditions prevailed in the western part with winds up to 70 miles per hour.

Nebraska - A severe blizzard struck parts of the State during this period and while strong winds and a heavy snow fell, bee losses are expected to be light as rather mild weather followed the storm. Had zero weather followed losses would have been heavy. Many yards were covered with heavy, wet snow and possibly some suffocation may occur. Bees are going into the winter in variable condition. Stores are ample in the central and western parts of the State but in the eastern part some yards have mostly honeydew stores and it is questionable how they will stand the winter. Also feeding has been necessary in some yards in the eastern section. The ground is in good conditions as far as moisture is concerned, but prospects for sweetclover pasture next year are poor in many locations due to weevil and aphid destruction. The demand for honey was fair, with the best demand for light colored clover honey. In some sections there was much dark heartsease honey produced during the fall for which the demand has been very slow.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES:
(Period Nov. 12 - 26)

Michigan - Practically all packing has been completed and in general colonies are in good condition for winter. The weather was mild and bees had good flight around the 15th of November and again around the 26th. Bees in the upper peninsula robbed badly and have needed much attention. They were being made ready to go into the cellars with the first snow.

Wisconsin - Good rains and some snow fell during this period along with a little freezing weather. The moisture has soaked into the ground well and may pull clovers through the winter, although in some sections stands are very light because of dry weather during germination time. Bees in general are in good condition for wintering with ample stores and strength. Bees were confined to their hives for the most part but made occasional short flights on days when the sun shone brightly. The demand was moderate for best flavored light colored extracted honey, and was good for comb honey.

Minnesota - The period was rather cold and heavy snows fell in southwestern areas while good rains fell in the southeastern portion. Most outdoor bees have been packed although some have not finished this task. Where wintered in cellars, bees were being moved from stands to cellars. Reports indicate that many bees have been killed and operators are planning to store the equipment and combs for the coming season. Much of the distress honey has moved to market. Inquiries from packers have picked up for white honey.

Ohio - Warmer than normal weather has prevailed with considerable rain. Beekeepers were rapidly finishing up their season's work, storing equipment, melting beeswax and finishing feeding. In parts of the State because of the failure of fall flowers and light honey crop considerable feeding has been necessary. However, in other parts where fall flows were better colonies have ample natural stores and are in good condition. The movement of honey has been fairly good during the period and bottlers prices have strengthened. It is estimated that approximately 60 percent of the 1948 crop remains in producer's hand or on the packer's floors. Of this amount, approximately 20 percent is light amber fall flowers and clover blend and 10 percent medium amber to dark buckwheat, most of which will be used for industrial purposes.

Indiana - Most colonies are ready for winter. Very little packing is being used except celotex between the inner and outer cover and a few colonies are being wrapped with felt paper. Most Indiana beekeepers prefer "lots of honey and a good windbreak" to heavy packing material. Bees have been inactive even for play flights recently due to rainy cool weather. Clusters are, on the average, sufficient for normal wintering. Stores generally are satisfactory although some spring feeding will be necessary. The demand for honey continued slow.

Illinois - Considerable moisture fell during the period, and this along with mild weather has given clovers and grasses new growth. Many bees are going into the winter light in stores and heavy winter losses are anticipated.

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A little starvation has already occurred. Some winter stores are badly granulated. The demand for white clover honey has been fairly good and the small crop produced has been mostly moved.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: (Period Nov. 13-27)

New York - Bees made occasional flights during this period. Outside wintered bees have been packed but those to be wintered in cellars have yet been moved there. Recent rains have been beneficial to vegetation and new seedlings are in good condition. Bees are generally in good condition. The movement of honey has been moderate in some areas, but slow in others.

Massachusetts - Temperatures for this period have been considerably above normal. Bees have had frequent flights as a result.

While considerable rain has fallen recently, more is still needed before freezing weather as the water table is quite low. Honey plants are generally in good condition.

Pennsylvania - Honey consumption has been heavy due to the mild fall weather. However, it is believed that most colonies have sufficient stores to last them through the winter.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES: (Nov. 13-27)

Maryland - Temperatures were not cold enough to cause bees to cluster. The semi-activity was causing a heavy consumption of stores but should not prove detrimental where colonies are well supplied with winter stores. Adequate rains continued to keep soil moisture satisfactory. The demand for honey was fair.

South Carolina - Weather was very wet during the entire period and bees in general were inactive. The demand for honey was good and very little remains in the hand of beekeepers. Prices are holding steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL STATES: (Period Nov. 13-27)

Kentucky - Copious rainfall has revived vegetation. Vegetation is greener than during the summer months. Weather has been unseasonably warm. Dandelions were blooming in sheltered spots. Bees have been quite active and consuming stores excessively. Some colonies have starved and winter losses are expected to be heavy unless the bees are given good care. All work in connection with wintering has been accomplished. The demand for honey has been good, especially for best white color.

Tennessee - Rainfall was plentiful during this period and above normal. Bees made several flights. Only two nights were cold enough for skim ice to freeze on still water.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: (Period Nov. 12-26)
Georgia - Honey was moving very slowly, particularly local varieties. Northern and western clover honey was offered in most stores and was moving fairly well. There are plenty of seed bees in south Georgia for next spring, but practically no package orders were being placed. Bees were quiet and were not raising brood. A few flights were made on warmer days. Most colonies are in generally good condition with very little feeding necessary. Moisture supplies are adequate.

Florida - In the Lake Okeechobee district bees are in good condition for the winter except where water damage weakened them. Fall weather has been good and bees have reared brood and most hives are well filled with young bees. However, queens were restricting egg-laying for their winter rest period. Most hives have plenty of stores, but some will have to be fed. Some golden-rod and smartweed and other miscellaneous flowers were in bloom and a little nectar was being put in the broodnests. The demand for honey is better than at this time last year. In north Florida chilly, rainy weather has kept bees quiet.

Alabama - Reports indicate that bees are generally in good condition.

Louisiana - The weather has been fairly cool with some heavy rains. Plant conditions are good with ample moisture to assure growth. There were no flowers blooming to provide pollen or nectar and scale colonies lost from 2 to 3 pounds during the period. Broodrearing has stopped. Bees for the most part are in good condition although some robbing was observed during the early part of the period. Feeding will be required for a small percent of the colonies because of the light fall flow. Some preparations are under way for the package shipping season, but many package shippers in anticipation of a light demand have curtailed their operations. There has been practically no inquiry for package bees and queens and the price outlook for the coming season is uncertain.

HAWAII: (as of November 23)

Highest mainland offers during November for Hawaiian honey were 9¼¢ per pound for water white, 9¢ for white, 8¢ for light amber, and 7½¢ for amber c.i.f. New York. No mainland sales were reported.

Island beekeepers are holding out for higher prices.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations by original receivers, and not prices received by beekeepers except for beeswax as noted. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade and are for the last of November. Extracted quotations refer to the pound price of honey in 60-lb. cans; comb prices are for 24-section cases, and beeswax prices are on the pound basis, where not otherwise stated.)

BOSTON: Arrivals - 700 cases N.Y.

— extracted. Demand light, market rather dull. Few sales by brokers and receivers to jobbers and large retailers.

EXTRACTED: OHIO, IOWA, and other MIDWESTERN, 60-lb. cans Clover, White 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Amber 13 1/3¢ per lb.; White Clover, cases of 24, 8-oz. jars \$3.35; 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.75; 12, 2-lb. jars \$5.50; 6, 5-lb. jars \$6.00; 12, 5-lb. jars \$12.00. NEW YORK, White Clover, cases of 24, 8-oz. jars \$3.20; 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.45. OHIO, IOWA and OTHER MIDWESTERN, cases of 24, 1-lb. creamed \$5.75.

CHICAGO: Receipts reported by trade since last report: Extracted truck Pa. 200, 60-lb. cans Buckwheat; Iowa 40, 60-lb. cans Light Amber; La. 315, 60-lb. cans Light Amber; N.Y., 36, 60-lb. cans White Honey; Ill. 23 cases, 10, 3-lb. pails White Clover; 18 cases 24, 1-lb. jars White Clover; 14 cases, 12, 2-lb. glass jars White Clover. Comb Ill. 15 cases White Clover 24 sections; 41 boxes White Clover 12 sections; Mich. 100 cases Mixed Flowers, cut cellophane wrapped 12 sections.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bakers, confectioners and other large users - Demand slow, market dull. PENNSYLVANIA, Buckwheat, 60-lb. cans asking per lb. 11¢, but no sales reported. IOWA and LOUISIANA, 60-lb. cans Light Amber 10-11¢ per lb. NEW YORK, White 60-lb. cans 12-12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. MIDWESTERN, holdings Amber heavy, 60-lb. cans per lb. 10-11¢; White Clover, holdings light per lb. 12-13¢. Sales to retailers - ILLINOIS, White Clover, 24, 1-lb. glass jars \$5.50-6.00; 12, 2-lb. glass jars White Clover \$5.50; Light Amber low as \$4.80; 12, 3-lb. glass jars White Clover \$7.20; 6, 5-lb. glass jars White Clover \$6.00, Light Amber per jar 5-lb. 90¢; Dark Amber per jar 5-lb. 75¢.

COMB: ILLINOIS, demand good, market steady, White Clover cellophane-wrapped, 24, 12-oz. and over \$7.50; 12, 12-oz. and over Fancy \$3.80; 12 section, 11-oz. White Clover \$3.50. MICHIGAN, demand fair, market dull, Mixed Flowers, cut comb, wrapped 12 sections, 12-oz. and over \$3.75, very few \$4.00; 11-oz. or less \$3.50.

BEESWAX: Dealers report prices advancing paying country run 43-45¢ per lb.

DENVER: Liberal offerings by producers at 10¢ per lb., however very little being purchased as local supplies more than ample to slow demand, market dull and weaker. COLORADO, NEBRASKA and WYOMING: Alfalfa-Sweetclover, Light Amber -

EXTRACTED honey large bottlers prices to jobbers - no sales reported; jobbers sales to retailers and other buyers in case lots - 24 jars, 8-oz. \$2.85-3.00; 12-oz. \$4.50-4.85; 16-oz. \$4.90-5.50; 24-oz. \$6.70-7.50; 6, 5-lb. pails \$4.95-6.50; 12, 5-lb. pails \$9.00-10.25. Creamed Honey: 24, 1-lb. cartons \$5.40. COMB HONEY: 24, 8-oz. sections \$3.95; 12, 1-lb. \$3.30.

DETROIT: Receipts extracted 56,040 lbs. Mich. 3,264 lbs. Midwestern; 21,600 lbs. Wis.; comb Mich. White Clover 1104 lbs. Demand fair, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales by local bottlers - MICHIGAN, White Clover, cases 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.00-5.20; 24, 8-oz. jars \$2.80-2.95; 6, 5-lb. jars \$5.10; 6, 5-lb. pails \$5.10. Sales by brokers - MIDWESTERN, White Clover, cases delivered Detroit - 12, 1-lb. special jars with spouts \$3.00; 6, 5-lb. jars \$4.50. WISCONSIN, White Clover cases delivered Detroit 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.00; 24, 8-oz. jars \$3.10.

KANSAS CITY: Arrivals - 1 car Idaho.

— Truck receipts Iowa and Kansas moderate. Market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bakers and candy makers - KANSAS and IOWA, Light Amber, Clover and mixed, 60-lb. tins 11-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Sales to wholesalers and large retailers - IDAHO, Sweetclover, 24, 1-lb. glass \$4.90; creamed \$5.00; 12, 2-lb. glass \$4.65; 12, 5-lb. tins \$9.25. IOWA, White Clover 24, 1-lb. glass \$4.90; 12, 2-lb. glass \$4.35.

PITTSBURGH: Arrivals - comb none;

— extracted 4,824 lbs. Midwestern. Demand moderate, market steady. Brokers' sales to retailers -

COMB: No sales. EXTRACTED: MIDWESTERN, White Clover 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.75; 12, 2-lb. jars \$5.50; 24, 8-oz. jars \$3.35; 6, 5-lb. jars \$6.00. Sales by retailers - CALIFORNIA, Orange Blossom, 1-lb. jars 27¢; 2-lb. jars 51¢.

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EXTRACTED: Wholesale prices of packaged honey, straight flavors White to Water White Orange, Clover and Sage are as follows:
 \$3.50-3.60 per case 24, 8-oz. jars;
 4.75-4.85 per case 24, 12-oz. jars;
 5.90-6.15 per case 24, 1-lb. jars;
 5.75-5.92 per case 12, 2-lb. jars;
 11.84-12.00 per case 12, 5-lb. jars.
 Light Amber and Blended Flavors:
 4.80-4.95 per case 24, 1-lb. jars;
 4.25-4.70 per case 12, 2-lb. jars;
 7.95-8.50 per case 12, 5-lb. jars.
BEESWAX: Market steady at 43-45¢ delivered. Receipts reported 4,000 lbs.

MINNEAPOLIS: Arrivals - by truck 60-lb. cans: Minn. Light Amber; 175 cans; Minn. Amber 140 cans. Beeswax 360 lbs.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market slightly stronger. Sales by bottlers - MINNESOTA, U.S. #1 Blended honey: to wholesale grocers 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.55; 12, 2-lb. jars \$5.30; 12, 14-oz. tumblers \$3.10; 24, 8-oz. tumblers \$3.50; 6, 5-lb. jars \$5.20; to retail grocers - 24, 1-lb. jars \$6.30; 12, 2-lb. jars \$6.05; 12, 14-oz. tumblers \$3.50; 24, 8-oz. tumblers \$4.00; 6, 5-lb. jars \$5.95; Sales by bottlers in 60-lb. cans to bakers and large users - Light Amber to Amber per lb. 13¢; to confectioners White Sweetclover U.S. #1 per lb. 15¢; Light Amber 13¢.

BEESWAX: Demand good, market steady. F.o.b. beekeepers for Domestic crude Light Yellow per lb. in cash 40¢; in trade 42¢.

NEW YORK: Arrivals - by rail 1 car Calif.; by boat Puerto Rico 3 drums, 59 cases incomplete; by truck 22,000 lbs. N.Y., 100 cans Midwestern, 800 cases origin unknown. Demand moderate, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bakers, confectioners, wholesalers and other users - CUBA and PUERTO RICO, barrels 10-11¢, tins 12-12½¢. GUATEMALA, Light Various Flowers mostly 10¢ per lb. duty paid. CALIFORNIA, White Orange 16¢ per lb. NEW YORK, White Clover 14-15¢, Light Amber Clover 13½¢, Light Amber Mixed Flowers 11¢; Buckwheat wide range price 10½-13¢. MIDWESTERN, White Clover 14¢. Sales to wholesalers - cartons, FLORIDA 24, 1-lb. jars White Tupelo 4.00 per doz. MIDWESTERN, White Clover 24, 1-lb. jars \$3.20 doz., 3-lb. jars \$8.80 doz. Server jars 1-lb. jars \$4.50 doz. CALIFORNIA, Light Amber Mixed Flowers 12, 5-lb. tins \$9.50; 12, 1-lb. jars \$2.55; 12, 1-lb. tins \$2.32; Clover and Orange, 12, 5-lb. tins \$12.25; 12, 1-lb. jars \$3.17. NEW YORK, Light Amber 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.45; 6, 5-lb. jars \$6.00; 24, 8-oz. jars \$3.20. Creamed White honey 24, 1-lb. cartons: NEW YORK, \$5.80; INTERMOUNTAIN \$6.56.

BEESWAX: Arrivals - by boat Brazil 100 bags; Dominican Republic 14 bags, incomplete. Offerings light. Demand light, market dull, weaker tendency. WEST INDIES 54-55¢, Darker 51-53; BRAZIL 56-58¢; AFRICA 54-55¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Arrivals - by rail 29,200 lbs. Tl., by truck 3,900 lbs.

Domestic via N.Y. City. Demand improving, market firm to slightly stronger. Sales by receivers - and brokers to retailers and large buyers.

EXTRACTED: NORTH CENTRAL, Blended Sweet and White Clover 12, 1-lb. jars \$3.00-3.05; 12, 8-oz. jars \$1.75-1.82½; 12, 2-lb. jars \$5.50-5.75; 6, 5-lb. cans \$6.00. IOWA, White Clover 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.25-5.35; 24, 8-oz. jars \$3.00-3.10; 12, 2-lb. jars \$5.10-5.20; bulk per lb. 13½¢. (Quotations Nov. 15 on IOWA 1-lb. jars at \$6.00 and 8-oz. jars \$3.50 were incorrect and should have read as above.) PUERTO RICO, Light Amber bulk per lb. 15¢.

BEESWAX: No arrivals. No quotations available.

PORTLAND: Arrivals - from Oregon 76, 60-lb. tins; from Idaho 400 cases and 120, 60-lb. tins. Supplies moderate. Demand continues moderate with market about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers or other large buyers - OREGON, Clover-Vetch Light Amber 12, 5-lb. cans \$9.50-9.75, few \$10.00; 12, 2-lb. glass jars \$4.65-5.00. EASTERN OREGON and IDAHO, Sweetclover-Alfalfa 12, 5-lb. cans \$9.50-10.00; 12, 2-lb. jars \$4.65-4.75; 24, 1-lb. jars \$4.90-5.00; 24, 1-lb. creamed honey \$4.85-5.00. Brokers' sales to wholesalers - IDAHO, Sweetclover-Alfalfa 12, 5-lb. cans \$8.50; 12, 2-lb. jars \$4.25; 24, 1-lb. jars \$4.50.

COMB: No arrivals. Supplies light Sales to retailers - IDAHO, unclassified 24, 8-oz. \$5.50; 24, 12-oz. fancy \$8.50.

BEESWAX: Supplies liberal. Market dull. Dealers paying mostly 40¢ in cash or trade.

ST. LOUIS: Market steady. Sales by brokers and wholesalers to retailers, bakers and candy makers -

COMB: OHIO, Buckwheat, cartons 24, 1-lb. cellophane-wrapped \$6.50.

EXTRACTED: ILLINOIS and MISSOURI, Mixed Flowers Light Amber 60-lb. tins per lb. 14¢. MINNESOTA, White Clover 60-lb. tins per lb. 16¢. IOWA, Mixed Flowers, Light Amber and Extra Light Amber, cartons 12, 1-lb. jars \$3.25. WISCONSIN, Clover and Mixed Flowers, Light Amber, cartons 24, 8-oz. jars \$3.25; 24, 1-lb. jars \$5.25; 12, 2-lb. jars \$5.00; 12, 5-lb. tins \$10.50.

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SAN FRANCISCO and BAY CITIES: Movement of honey at retail has been rather slow during the period, although the cooler weather brought some slight improvement over the first half of the month. Bottlers generally are well stocked with honey purchased previously in the season and no purchases or receipts were reported during the last half of November.

Wholesale prices of bottled honey of Light Amber or better, Orange, Clover, Sage, Thistle, and some Blended honey, mostly of California origin, were unchanged as listed below. A few sales were slightly higher and some blends and Thistle were slightly lower:

\$2.72-3.00 per case of 24, 8-oz. jars
 3.50-3.90 per case of 24, 12-oz. jars
 4.90-5.00 per case of 24, 1-lb. jars
 6.80-7.40 per case of 24, 1½-lb. jars
 4.60-4.81 per case of 12, 2-lb. jars
 8.40-9.75 per case of 12, 5-lb. jars
 and cans.

BEE SWAX: Receipts were very light and consisted of a small lot of 14 lbs. from Central Calif. at 44¢ per lb. delivered.

SEATTLE: Arrivals via motor truck - extracted: from Idaho 500 cases; Wash 140 cases, Oreg. 30, 60-lb. tins. Demand moderate, market slightly stronger. Brokers' sales to jobbers and large retailers -

EXTRACTED: IDAHO, Light Amber, Sweetclover and Alfalfa 12, 5-lb. tins \$8.50; 24, 1-lb. jars \$4.75; 12, 2-lb. jars \$4.50. WASHINGTON, Light Amber Mixed Flowers 12, 5-lb. tins \$8.25; 24, 1-lb. jars \$4.50; 12, 2-lb. jars \$4.25; creamed 24, 14-oz. \$4.50. Sales to bakers - OREGON, Amber, 60-lb. cans per lb. 13-14¢.

COMB: Arrivals - from Mont. 487 cases. Demand good, market steady. Brokers' sales to jobbers and large retailers - MONTANA, 24, 12-oz. fancy \$6.50; No. 1, \$6.25; 124, 10-oz. No. 2 \$5.50.

BEE SWAX: No supplies.

CANADIAN HONEY STORAGE

Honey stocks on October 1 in the hands of commercial packers, wholesale grocers and other large dealers, but excluding producers unless active in wholesale distribution, as reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, follow:
 (From Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada)

| Province | Pounds |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Prince Edward Island | 1,989 |
| Nova Scotia | 9,296 |
| New Brunswick | 6,080 |
| Quebec | 204,337 |
| Ontario | 2,347,053 |
| Manitoba | 2,268,465 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,384,961 |
| Alberta | 1,404,146 |
| British Columbia | 164,506 |

CANADA

7,788,833

Distribution by type of dealer and container follows:

| Type | Consumer Packages (lbs.) | Bulk Containers (lbs.) | Total (lbs.) |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Packers | 2,387,112 | 3,566,949 | 5,954,061 |
| Other Wholesalers | 1,616,807 | 217,965 | 1,834,772 |
| CANADA | 4,003,919 | 3,784,914 | 7,788,833 |

The fact that storage stocks represent a small proportion of production (43,938,000 lbs.) seems to suggest that the bulk of the crop had not reached the distribution level by October 1.

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